

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE  
at WINCHESTER

RICHARD BLACKBURN, )  
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*Plaintiff,*           )  
                          )  
v.                       )  
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MICHAEL J. ASTRUE,    )  
COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY, )  
                          )  
*Defendant.*           )  
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Case No. 4:11-cv-58

Judge Mattice  
Magistrate Judge Lee

**ORDER**

United States Magistrate Judge Susan K. Lee filed her Report and Recommendation (Doc. 18) pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 72(b). Plaintiff has filed timely objections, and Defendant has responded to Plaintiff's objections. (Docs. 19-20).

The Court has reviewed the record *de novo*, including those portions of Magistrate Judge Lee's Report and Recommendation to which Plaintiff has objected. *See Fed. R. Civ. Proc. 72(b).* Plaintiff's objections raise no new arguments; instead, they are simply reiterations of issues he previously raised in his Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings. (*See Docs. 11-12, 19.*) Further analysis of these same issues would be cumulative and is unwarranted in light of Magistrate Judge Lee's well-reasoned and well-supported Report and Recommendation, in which she fully addressed Plaintiff's arguments.

Accordingly, the Court hereby **ACCEPTS** and **ADOPTS** Magistrate Judge Lee's findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations pursuant to § 636(b)(1) and Rule 72(b). Plaintiff's objections (Doc. 19) are **OVERRULED**. Plaintiff's Motion for

Summary Judgment (Doc. 11) is **DENIED**. Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment (Doc. 16) is **GRANTED**. The Commissioner's denial of benefits is **AFFIRMED**, and the instant action is **DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE**.

The Clerk of Court is **DIRECTED** to close the case.

**SO ORDERED** this 2nd day of January, 2013.

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*/s/ Harry S. Mattice, Jr.*  
HARRY S. MATTICE, JR.  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE